

REMARKS

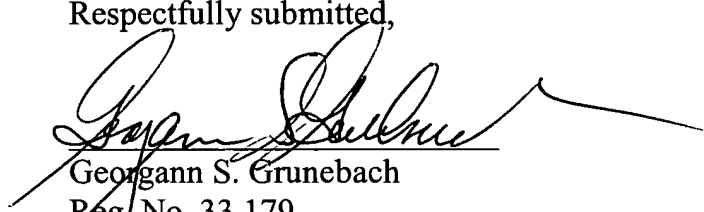
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated January 30, 2004, claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Dependent claims 23-30 have been added. Claims 1, 12, 18 and 20 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner for reconsideration.

The allowability of claims 9, 10 and 13-17 and 19 if rewritten in independent form is acknowledged. Applicant has written these claims in independent form and added a set of dependent claims to claim 10. All the remaining claims are believed to be allowable.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Should any fees be associated with this submission, please charge Deposit Account 50-0383, Customer No. 020991.

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